

Greene County Photography Club

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NEXT MEETING: 4th Tuesday, February 25, at 7 PM at the Waynesburg Bible Chapel.



Our January meeting was cancelled due to the below zero weather. We will have two photographic challenges in February. Bring three 4 x 6 "black and white" pictures and bring three illustrating "action."

Again, we plan to have Dave and Lee's DVD portfolio presentation of "Trains" for our program. Let's all hope for good weather on February 25!

March's photo challenge is "Romance." Photograph the meal you prepare for your sweetie, the flowers and candy or just the "twinkle" in his or her eye! February is a great time to capture love in your photographs!

Upcoming Meetings

Program

Challenge

Date

Feb. 25	Black & White			
	Action	Trains*		
March 25	Romance			
April 22	Weather			
May 27	Running Water			
June 24	Animals			
July 22	Insects			
* The alternate program will be from the Great Courses				
Series "Photography"				

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Action Photographs

You decide how you will photograph "action." It could be people or animals doing something, blurred action shots, or sports photography to name a few examples.

Taking action pictures can be difficult! A Digital Photography School article by Rick Berk suggests a minimum shutter speed of 1/500 to freeze action. Plus, if you use a longer lens you need an even faster shutter speed.

Sports photographers often use a wide aperture such as f/2.8 or f/4 so they can get more light to use a faster shutter speed. A wide aperature also makes the depth of field more shallow and creates a blurred background while your subject is sharp.

You can change your camera's ISO setting to a higher number so that you get more light in and can use a faster shutter speed. Some photographers use ISO's of 3200 or 6400 inside gyms.

The authors of the article, <u>"Catching The Action: Photographing Youth Sports"</u> have many more tips! This tips may help for other "action" shots, as well.

Start planning for 2014 Contests!

(Entry dates not known at this time.)

Sheep & Fiber 5/17 & 5/18/14 Strawberry Festival 5/10-18/14 **Taylor County** May 2013 Cameron, WV June 2013 Greene Co. Fair 7/27 - 8/2/14Morgantown Wine & Jazz 9/20-9/21/14 **Bowlby Library Exhibit** 9/14-10/14 **Greene Saver Calendar** 10 per year

Please let us know of any contest information you become aware of and/or entry dates. Thanks!

Rob Hackett of DPS wrote an interesting article describing his efforts to take his photography skills beyond "basic snapshots" to getting the "wow" factor in his images. His steps:

- Join a photography club.
- Try entering competitions.
- Learn the basics.
- Know your camera.
- Get the right gear.

I think you will enjoy his short article and ideas, "A Year of Photographic Lessons – Journey of a Novice Photographer."



Congratulations to Club Member, **Ann Newman**, who has had at least four photographs recently published as "Hot Shots" in the Observer-Reporter. If you didn't see them, check out our Greene County Photography Club's Facebook page or the Observer Reporter website. *Ann is quite the wildlife photographer!*

"Your first 10,000 photographs are your worst." – Henri Cartier-Bresson

Malcolm Gladwell in <u>Outliers</u> said it takes roughly 10,000 hours to achieve mastery in a field. Henri Cartier-Bresson who many considered to be the father of photojournalism's quote shows a similar message. It takes practice to achieve mastery!

So don't feel badly about your "deletes!"



We are a member of the Photographic Society of America www.psa-photo.org
See Janice or Kathy D. for login

Join Greene County Photography Club! Dues paid now are for 2014.

\$12 Individual Membership \$15 Family Membership –those living in same house You can pay at meeting or mail to Dave Brendel, Treasurer, 125 Scott Run Road, Sycamore, PA 15364

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